

GREGORY SIGNS FOUR UMPIRES FOR 1910 SEASON

Men of Experience Secured to Handle Indicator in Va. League.

MACE AND PENDER ARE COMING BACK

Burroughs, of New York, and Travis, of Norfolk, Complete the Staff—Jake Wells Will Insist on Clean Baseball in This Circuit.

Edward B. Burroughs, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Henderson Travis, of Norfolk, with Robert Pender and Harry Mace, will complete the staff of Virginia League umpires for the 1910 season. Secretary Gregory announced yesterday that the four men had accepted terms, and that all of the contracts except that of Travis had been received here.

"With this detail out of the way," said Gregory, "I feel just like baseball is to start right away. I do not believe we will have any trouble this season, although it is hard to get good men to run ball games. The four I have signed are highly recommended, and unless they go back on the good things that have been said about them there is no doubt that the league will be especially fortunate this year."

About the New Men.
Pender and Mace were signed some time ago, but their contracts were not mailed until January 1, and it was two weeks later before either accepted terms. It was recommended that Mace would go to the big league, but he was disappointed, and then he tried to locate in the South Atlantic League, where he failed again. Exactly why Pender did not send his contract straight in is not known; but he likes Virginia, and has often been quoted as saying he can never be satisfied anywhere else.

Henderson Travis really lives on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and this will be his first year in professional baseball. He was recommended by Vice-President Consolvo, of Norfolk, who has frequently used him in exhibition games, and has watched his work in amateur ball for several years. He is a big fellow, and there is little chance that he will give quarrelsome players any chance for back talk. Consolvo says there is no doubt about his making good, and he ought to know.

Burroughs comes from Brooklyn, N. Y., and although he has never been willing to be classed as a professional, he has handled the indicator in exhibition games for big league clubs, and recently declined a contract with the New York State League. He was recommended to Gregory by Patrick T. Powers, president of the Eastern League, who is one of the greatest authorities on umpires in the country. Powers says Burroughs will make good anywhere, and he does not doubt but that he will earn a larger salary than the Virginia League can afford in 1911.

Will Report in April.
The umpires will report for duty three days before the season opens on April 21, but Mace and Travis, and possibly Burroughs, will be here in time for the exhibition series, when Travis will be assigned to Norfolk, and Mace will handle the indicator when the big clubs come through here for practice contests with the Colts. Pender is in business, and will probably be allowed to come at the latest possible moment.

Before the men actually take the field President Jake Wells will meet them in conference here in Norfolk, and will outline exactly how they shall act on the ball field. There is no doubt but that the patrons of the game in Virginia will be treated to the cleanest variety of the sport, as Mr. Wells has already stated that the day of foolishness has passed, and the player who continues quarreling is sure to lose out.

With the umpire question settled, at least until the players get to work, it really seems that the day of baseball is at hand.

TWENTY MEN WILL BE BROUGHT HERE

Manager Lawlor Will Have String of Nine Pitchers to Select From.

J. J. Lawlor, who will manage the Richmond Baseball Club this season, is determined not to be handicapped by a scarcity of pitchers, and if it is possible he will have a string of eight or nine to report on March 21, which is the day the men must show up under their contracts. Lawlor, who writes from Middletown, N. Y., that the past week has been a dull one for him, but the reason for this is that he has about completed his roster of names. The new manager is impatient to be in the fight for a pennant, and he promises to start off with a vim as soon as he gets here.

There will be twenty men to report for practice, and from these the thirteen regulars will be selected. It will not be necessary to give out any releases until the season opens, on April 21, and the managers are allowed a month from that date to get within the salary limit. "There is no doubt but that we will have to keep within bounds this year," says Owner Brutley. "Jake Wells is going to be behind us, and it won't be worth the risk of a fine to try and get ahead of him." Jack Verbout sent in his contract yesterday, and the only man not ready for report are Ison and Utman. Their contracts are expected at any time.

ATHLETES WILL BE PICKED FROM BEST STUDENTS

Hampton Schools Plan to Reform Games by This Method.

SYSTEM WILL BE THOROUGHLY TRIED

No Member of Any Team Can Play Unless His School Work Is Satisfactory to the Faculty—Reasons for Proposed Changes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Hampton, Va., February 5.—Owing to the existing condition in school athletics, by which those not especially qualified are given precedence over those whose scholarship and deportment should entitle them to leadership, the Hampton High School, with the cooperation of the school authorities of the city in all athletics, has started a general revolution in school sports.

In order to encourage the student, to provide good, wholesome exercise for him, and above all to build a better and more perfect character, the following plan has been agreed upon:

1. No pupil shall be permitted to play on an athletic team unless at the time of such play he is making a pass mark on each subject (with us 75 per cent.).

2. No pupil shall be eligible unless he is satisfactory on department.

3. No pupil shall be eligible until he has made formal application to the faculty and signed a pledge, not for the football or baseball season, but for the entire season.

4. Any pupil violating any part of the foregoing will be disqualified from athletics of all kinds until the entire faculty has been assured that the evil has been remedied sufficiently to warrant a re-instatement to athletic privileges.

Few Outside Games.
5. It is the aim to have league games to be played between the grades of the school with only enough contests against outside teams to insure interest and enthusiasm in practice.

6. The purpose will be not to train star performers, but to furnish exercise for the pupil who needs and deserves the privilege of a well regulated playground. This will also deprive those not measuring up to the standard of the sport derived from participating in something which may consume time that ought to be spent in study.

7. Above all else it is the aim to train men and women with the best possible character by encouraging the faithful and by stimulating those who have fallen below the mark.

Reasons for Proposed Plan.

The reasons this plan was found necessary:

1. There is a universal lack of stress upon scholarship as a prerequisite for athletic competition.

2. There is a great tendency to allow pupils to set their own standards. This has led in some cases to a rowdiness and brutality rather to a fair and sportsmanlike competition.

3. When the pledge is required it is for a season only. This encourages dissipation when the season ends. There is no reason why some form of exercise cannot be pursued each month during the season.

4. The fatalities resulting from athletic games must, in many cases, show the lack of a proper spirit of rivalry that should characterize all scholastic contests. Eliminate your professional element and do away with your false standard and the result will be sure, for then you have only gentlemen in the game.

5. Since the manager or director must depend upon public sentiment for financial support, there is too much of the spirit "to win at any cost."

Has Its Disadvantages.

The disadvantages to be encountered upon raising your standard:

1. One great disadvantage will be poor teams entered in competition during the first season.

2. The schools refusing to adopt this high standard will have an advantage. This may necessitate eliminating such schools.

3. Appropriations for this purpose, although very small, are sometimes hard to obtain.

4. The greatest inconvenience is the need of proper supervision. There should be a State director with a board of assistants who will hold the principals and school authorities responsible for all discrepancies.

The system applied:

1. This system will be put into operation at the Hampton High School, under the direction of J. H. Bowen, and will undoubtedly be adopted throughout Elizabeth City County before the end of this season.

2. An effort will be made to induce the other schools in Tidewater to adopt the same standard.

200,000 Hunters in England.
The widespread growth of hunting in England is indicated by statistics published in the last issue of the London Field. The article says: "Hunting does not now depend upon the rich alone. There are more than 12,000 couples of hounds in use, which cost more than \$5,000,000 to keep. It is reckoned that 200,000 hunters are at work each winter. The average cost of a hunt is \$200 to \$500,000 in all. Not less than 70,000 men and employment, apart from saddlers, blacksmiths, veterinary surgeons, tailors, bootmakers and many others. All money is spent in Great Britain, and most of it goes to the farmer."

LOUTHAN FIXES LIST OF ENTRIES AT INDOOR MEET

Track Men From Many Schools and Colleges Here Next Saturday.

LOCAL SCHOOLS TO HAVE RELAY RACES

University of Virginia Will Oppose George Washington, and Teams From Three Eastern Colleges Will Contest for Cup—Other Events Arranged.

Manager Louthan, of the Richmond College track team, has completed the program of events for the midwinter indoor meet to be held in the Horse Show Building next Saturday night, when athletes from various institutions will compete in the great series of indoor events ever pulled off in Richmond. In point of numbers, size of crowd, and in many other ways, the meet, it is expected, will far eclipse the games of last year, when the success of the efforts of the local college to inaugurate an annual gathering of athletes here was firmly established.

Of especial interest will be the relay races between the University of Virginia and George Washington, and between runners from William and Mary College, Randolph-Macon College and Richmond College. From all of the many schools and colleges who have accepted invitations to be present, Manager Louthan has received encouraging reports, and it is assured that the classes, in all the events, will be filled by men who deserve recognition.

Races Well Classified.

The team races in the scholastic classes have been well classified, and there will be few walkovers, which always lessen interest. At all of the Richmond schools, coaches have been busy for the past few weeks getting the runners in shape for the games, and rivalry among the local teams will be one of the features of the contest. The officials have not been anxious to have the meet from an experienced man, well versed in the conditions under which the meet will be held.

The announcement that the meet will be held on the bare ground, and not on a plank track, has caused much interest among the schools, and the result of this experiment will be watched with intense enthusiasm, as, if it is successful, other cities may be induced to give their athletes this advantage.

PROGRAM FOR RICHMOND COLLEGE INDOOR MEET

Collegiate events—880-yard dash, 440-yard dash, mile, 150-yard dash, 50-yard hurdle race, pole vault, high jump, 16-pound shot put. Scholastic events—880-yard dash, 440-yard dash, 50-yard dash, high jump, shot put.

Collegiate relays:
University of Virginia vs. George Washington.

Randolph-Macon, William and Mary and Richmond College.
Washington and Lee University and Maryland Agricultural College.

Johns Hopkins, Western Maryland College, Cross Country Club of Baltimore and Washington Grove Athletic Association.

Scholastic relays:
Woodberry Forest, Fishburne Military Academy, Baltimore City College, Tiptonville High School.

Business High School, of Washington, Central High School, of Washington, and Western High School, of Washington.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON TRACK SQUAD



FAST INDOOR ATHLETES WHO WILL COME HERE NEXT SATURDAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RICHMOND COLLEGE MEET AT THE HORSE SHOW BUILDING.

BIG MONEY FOR WINNING PITCHERS

Bonuses Will Be Offered by Managers in Coming Summer to the Stars.

The offer of bonuses to pitchers for winning a certain number of games has again bobbed up and will be in force the coming summer as much as ever. When George Mullin had so much difficulty in pulling down his prize for winning twenty-five games the Detroit management gave it out that no more bonuses would be offered, as it appeared to handicap this clever twirler to a great extent as he neared his goal. The latest magnate to come to the front is Murphy, of Chicago, and he says: "I shall offer Overall \$500 if he wins thirty games during the season of 1910."

At first glance this offer of the Cub boss appears generous enough. When we think of the great number of games in a league schedule it seems easy enough for a pitcher to win the required number. But it isn't.

Chase back through the records of the National League and see how many pitchers have won thirty games. Joe McGinnity won just thirty for Brooklyn in 1900. Not till 1903 did another pitcher reach the mark. That year Joe copied thirty-one victories, and Christy Mathewson reached the mystic number. The following year the great "Iron Man" won thirty-five to Christy's thirty-three games.

Murphy Is Wise Guy.
In 1905 Mathewson was the only twirler to pass the mark, winning thirty-one battles. The next year brought him a single thirty-victory pitcher, but in 1908 Christy came to the fore again with thirty-seven victories. Last year Mordecai Brown led all with twenty-seven victories.

The story of the American League twirlers is similar. Cy Young marched in victorious thirty-one times in 1901, representing the Boston Club. The next season he added one to his string, making it thirty-two victories. He led all his league slabs performers in 1903, but won only twenty-eight games.

Jack Chesbro was the shining light of 1904, his greatest year in baseball. He brought home the bacon forty-one times for the Highlanders, establishing a record, giving in a single season under modern conditions, but Bernhard, of the Naps, came within one game of landing inside the Murphy limit.

Until Ed Walsh's great year in 1908 when he won forty games and lost but fifteen, the American League didn't have a pitcher with thirty victories to his credit. Last year George Mullin, of the Tigers, won twenty-nine games and led all his competitors.

Yes, Charlie Murphy is a wise guy with his offers of a bonus. He probably looked up the records before uttering a word.

YACHT RACE TO BERMUDA.

Conditions of Contest Will Be Same as Last Year.

New York, February 5.—Added into sea yacht race to Bermuda this year by a decision to sail on the same day, June 25, that the Motor Boat Club of America starts its power boat races to Bermuda. The date was announced to-day by the regatta committee of the Atlantic Yacht Club, under whose auspices the venture will be sailed.

Horace E. Boucher, chairman of the race committee, said to-day that the conditions of the sailing race will probably be the same as last year. These called for a bona-fide cruising craft of substantial construction and rig, having full decks and a water-tight cockpit. The race was open to boats of any organized yacht club of the world, and the craft were divided into four divisions. The time allowance was figured at forty-five minutes in the foot, for the full course, estimated to be 370 nautical miles. There was no allowance for tide.

ASTOR'S RACING PROFILE.
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King Kelly Retains Control of the Raleigh Franchise.
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ACTS OF VANDALISM AGAINST BOY CLUBS

Sportsmen Greatly Harassed by Opposition of Natives.

Norfolk, February 5.—According to reports from Princess Anne county the conditions relative to the back bay clubs is growing worse instead of better, and the general opposition to the clubs is growing so rapidly, and the spirit of opposition is so strong that these clubs are finding great difficulty in keeping help on the premises.

Sentiment in the county is divided on the question. There are those who deplore the acts of vandalism, while others declare that the club officials and members have provoked it by their actions, what is declared to be their efforts to keep any one but themselves from hunting, or at least, to impede the hunters as much as possible.

The principal grievance of the natives, who make their living "market hunting," is that the club members will not allow them to shoot over mat blinds and have presented several of them. The "market hunters" are dependent upon their game bag for their livelihood, and are incensed with "the rich Northerners," as they term the club members.

Attacks on Ragged Island Club.
Petty acts of lawlessness, and vandalism have been frequent, but lately action has been concerted against the Ragged Island Club and its attendants.

One guard was shot at by a man in ambush, a guard's tent was shot through, the club's motorboat was set afire and sunk, large quantities of decoys were destroyed, and at night the natives have been sending up sky-rockets to scare away the game.

Feeling that proper justice could not be secured in magistrate's court, the club has taken sterner action, and the matter now will be placed before a special grand jury of Princess Anne county.

The ducking section around Ragged Island, excepting the world as being about the best shooting ground for water fowl in existence, and the many clubs there are owned by some of the richest and most prominent men in the county.

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TIED FOR FIRST HONORS.
New Haven and Butte Rifle Clubs Even, After Third Match.

Washington, D. C., February 5.—With the third in the series of eleven matches, the National Rifle Association Indoor League shoot last night, the Winchester Rod and Gun Club, of New Haven, Conn., and the Rocky Mountain Rifle Club, of Butte, Mont., are tied for first honors, each with three victories and no defeats. The Winchester Rod and Gun Club still maintaining the high score of the tournament, with 956 points.

The Fort Pitt Rifle Club, of Pittsburgh, in defeating the Italian Rifle Association of New York, by 40 points, last night, almost tied the stellar score in making 955 points. Other matches last night, reported to the National Rifle Association here, resulted as follows:

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NEW TRACK RECORD MADE AT MONCRIEF

Finish of Old Town Stakes Most Exciting of Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Jacksonville, Fla., February 5.—The finish of the Old Town stakes, which carried a guaranteed value of \$1,500, at one and one-quarter miles, resulted in a blanket finish, with the winner in doubt until the official placing, which was Pulka, Old Honest, and Sotemia. The time—2:06 2-5—reduces the record for the distance one and three-fifths seconds over this track.

From a speculative viewpoint, the race proved as sensational as the finish. Jack Sturges, the reputed owner of Pulka, literally swamped the local ring and forced the price to a close of 9 to 1. Old Honest, the tip of the clockers, found ready support, while Sotemia, who was miserably ridden in a previous effort, came in for a concerted play, which drove her into the grueling drive ever witnessed at this track. The subcommittee consists of A. A. Stagg, Chicago University; Dr. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.; C. W. Savage, Oberlin. To this same committee has been referred the task of examining the records of all races, and the idea is to prevent strong college eleven engaging for early practice teams that do not compare to them in strength.

Many Reforms Suggested.
The rules committee spent the last two days in bringing the thousands of suggestions received into some sort of order. Naturally many of these were of a minor nature, but there are combinations of suggested reforms found as follows:

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A.—Seven men on line of scrimmage. B.—No pushing or pulling of man by man to either side of line. C.—First man receiving ball allowed to carry it anywhere.

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B.—In addition to changing the time of game from 35 to 40 minutes.

FOOTBALL RULE MAKERS ADJOURN WITHOUT ACTION

Consider Many Reforms However, and Will Meet Again March 24

ON-SIDE KICK SEEMS DOOMED

Forward Pass May Be Retained but Will Be Much More Restricted Than at Present. No More Piling Up of Players.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
New York, February 5.—The intercollegiate football rules committee, in session at the Cumberland Hotel, adjourned this afternoon until March 24 without doing much toward the legislation of a safer gridiron; the board, however, is pulling in harmony. I have arranged the various suggestions received from all quarters of the republic in such manner as to effectively lift them to the bottom before the March convention. While little action has so far been taken, there is no doubt from the determined manner of the committee that next season will witness a radical change of the dangerous phase of the autumn sport.

No one would venture an opinion to what these changes would be. The forward pass is retained it will be much more restricted than at present. Game sentences favored it, using only behind the line of scrimmage. The on-side kick seems doomed. There will be no more piling up of players on a prostrate man. Mass plays will be modified, if not prohibited. Line shifts are likely to be forbidden, as it is generally believed that seven men should be on the line, three at each side of the center rush. Tackling will be made less vicious. Exhausted players will be protected and persistent mass plays prevented.

Mass Plays Dangerous.
Indeed, the committee decided the injuries in football were due principally during the past season at least to the tackle, to persistent massed attack at a given point, and, in certain cases, to the exhausted condition of the player. Its work was especially in ridding the game of these evils. The committee was of the opinion that those who participate in intercollegiate or interscholastic athletic sports should be subjected to a physical examination at the beginning of their training, and that there should be further careful medical supervision throughout the playing season.

With this end in view a subcommittee was appointed to consider what, if any, recommendations the rules committee ought to make in this connection. The subcommittee consists of A. A. Stagg, Chicago University; Dr. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.; C. W. Savage, Oberlin. To this same committee has been referred the task of examining the records of all races, and the idea is to prevent strong college eleven engaging for early practice teams that do not compare to them in strength.

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